Campaign Finance Reform Committee Recommendations

Item	Description	Additional Information	Approved
Voluntary Contribution CAP	Candidates for Mayor	\$20,000	Consensus Agreement
Voluntary Contribution CAP	Candidates for City Council	\$15,000	Consensus Agreement
Individual Contributions	All Candidates with CAP	\$ 500	Deleted due to Attorney Memo
Individual Contributions	Status Quo on Limit	\$250	Consensus Agreement
CAP Incentive	Ballot Statement at no cost	(Budget source needed; consider	Deleted due to Attorney Memo
		charging full fee with reimbursement	
		if CAP is not exceeded)	
CAP Incentive	Star next to name in press	City Clerk will check to see if it can be	Consensus Agreement
	release/ballot statement/web	added to actual ballot	
Violate Agreed to CAP after ballot	City to send a 15 day notice to return	If non-compliance, penalty would be	Consensus Agreement
statements confirmed	funds to donors over the CAP by date	return of overage plus 3 times the	
	certain.	amount to City of Milpitas	
Date to Begin Collecting Contributions	6 months prior to election date	Date not specified due to special	Consensus Agreement – Justification
		elections, etc.	needed
Date to Stop Collecting Contributions	Close of polls on election date	Date not specified due to special	Consensus Agreement
		elections, etc.	
Campaign Committee Termination	No later than 90 days from election	Any unused funds to be disbursed to a	Consensus Agreement
	date	Milpitas non-profit	
Contributor Information	Comply with FPPC forms and consider	Continue with status Quo of \$100 and	Questions on additional disclosures –
	including additional disclosures	over for detailed information	what to include, etc.
Restriction if project pending before	No contributions from company or	Within 6 months of an election	Consensus Agreement
City of Milpitas	officers of the company		
Contracts with City of Milpitas	Contracts approved by City Council or	Currently City Council approves	Need more clarification on timeline
	those over 50% of Council Authority	contracts over \$100,000 so it would	for on-going contracts to ensure
		include contracts over \$50,000 –	undue influence is not used during
		amount not specified as it may	election cycle.
		change over time	
District Elections	City would be divided into 4 parts and	Recommend to City Council to do a	Consensus Agreement
	council candidates could only run in	survey, public outreach to see if this	
	the district they reside / mayoral	would work for Milpitas. If possible,	
	election would continue city-wide.	requires a measure for Milpitas voters	
		to approve.	
Seat Elections	A candidate would declare which of 4	Same as for District Elections	Consensus Agreement
	seats he/she was a candidate /		
	mayoral election city-wide.		

Independent Expenditure Committees	Look at additional disclosures that	List individual donors, addresses, etc.?	Questions on what can be done in
	would go above current FFPC	Need to gather additional	addition to current regulations –
	compliance	information.	Research will continue on possible
			limiting to the same contribution
			amounts as candidates, etc.
Donor Reporting Disclosure	Currently, City Clerk provides an	Recommend increasing to two	Consensus Agreement
	advertisement listing all donors over	advertisements; one after the first –	
	\$100 after the second pre-election	pre-election report is received and	
	report is received.	the second advertisement after the	
		second pre-election report is due.	
		The second advertisement would only	
		include donations received between	
		the first and second pre-election	
		reports. Also include on city web site.	
Additional Filing Requirements	Consider filing reports on a	Extra costs for city staff time to be	
	monthly/quarterly basis	considered.	
Electronic Filing	Consider requiring all reports to be	Extra costs for software program to	
	filed electronically	implement need to be considered.	